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Students give bus pass the green light

BY NEIL ZACHARJEWICZ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The referendum over the U-Pass bus pass proposal turned out to be one of the closest referendum's in Laurentian's recent history, with the proposal receiving the thumbs up from 54 percent of the SGA/AGE voters.

A total of 547 ballots were cast in the SGA/AGE general election in favour of the bus pass proposal, while 457 voters were in opposition to the concept. Still, the issue was contentious enough to raise the voter participation rate to 20 percent, one of the highest voter turn-outs in several years.

In terms of the candidates,

Lindsay Wye was re-elected to her post as VP Issues, trouncing candidate Jordan Glass 687 votes to 292 votes respectively.

"I am absolutely ecstatic to have the chance to serve an additional 12 months as VP Issues. Next year is going to be awesome. I am really looking forward to representing all of the students again, both on campus and off. We face many huge obstacles and opportunities in the 2006/2007 school year, and I will make sure that Laurentian is ready for all of them," stated Wye. "I really encourage each and every student to get involved; whether it is in the struggle for affordable tuition fees, or in the fight for student rights, or one of

the other numerous challenges that students face. There are so many different ways that you can have your voice be heard, while being involved in something that you are passionate about."

Wye encouraged students who wish to talk to her about any issues to contact her at vpissues@laurentian.ca, or by phone at 675-1151 extension x1083.

"I certainly hope that I have been doing an adequate job of representing students for the last five months, and I am looking forward to continuing that duty for the next twelve," she said.

Meanwhile, an entirely new candidate was elected to the SGA/AGE Executive this year, as Kevin Green will assume the post

of VP Student Services. Green edged out candidate Charles Wilson, with 561 votes to Wilson's 375.

"First off, I'd like to thank my competition, Charles Wilson, for a great race. I'm a big supporter of democracy and am glad I had such an experienced opponent to go up against," Green said. "I'd also like to thank my Campaign Manager, Pat Sully, for his crazy antics, as well as all the people who supported my campaign."

"It's an interesting experience to enter the SGA as the new guy, the only member of the executive not re-elected from last year, but I hope that I can provide some fresh insight and new ideas

to the awesome SGA members I get to work with next year," Green stated. "I look forward to talking with all the clubs and figuring out what I can do to get them more active within the school, or for the ones I see all the time, keep them that way. It's going to be a learning process for me but as I stated in my election speech, my background with commerce will keep me on the ball. Feel free to come into the SGA office at any time and chat it up about any services which are important to you, the student, as you are whom I am here to serve. Thank you to everyone who gave me this opportunity, it's going to be a great year."

LU student headed to Botswana

BY NEIL ZACHARJEWICZ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

France Labonte has always been drawn to those television commercials of starving children in developing countries.

"I am stuck to the television and I can't change the channel," Labonte, a third year student in Geography and Education, confessed. "I want to reach out to them."

Now Labonte is going to have her opportunity. Labonte is one of approximately five students from Ontario selected to take part in a student mission to Botswana. According to their mission statement, "Uniterra mobilizes people and organizations in Canada and the developing world to reduce poverty through the achievement of the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals. This program is an initiative of the Canadian Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI) and World University Service of Canada." Each year, Labonte explained, Uniterra takes 20 post-secondary students from across Canada into a developing nation as part of their efforts.

Labonte explained the group will spend six weeks in Botswana, helping other members of the organization to help fight the country's AIDS. She noted it will also be a learning experience for all of the participants.

"We leave on May 5th, but we will all get together four days before orientation," Labonte said.

What makes Labonte's selection to participate in the mission special is that she is the first student from Laurentian to be accepted for the program in the last four years. Labonte first became familiar with the program through her work with the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Committee here on campus, and this year marked

the second time she had applied to be accepted for the Uniterra mission. She pointed out that students accepted to take part in a mission are usually students who are in their higher years of their post-secondary education, but not students who will be graduating

that year. The purpose is to have these students return from the mission and spread awareness amongst their peers.

"I learned that I was going a week before Christmas. It was the best Christmas gift. I was very happy," she said. "My mom

says that I have a missionary heart. I hope this experience will encourage me to find other ways of helping. There is so much that you can do. It is just a matter of finding a way to do it."

Labonte pointed out that the cost to participate in the mission

is \$3,000, and she is currently working towards raising the funds necessary to participate. Anyone wishing to support Labonte in her efforts is asked to forward donations to 1045 Donaldson Cres., Apt. 1, Val Caron, ON, P03 1 P0.



Neil Zacharjewicz/Lambda

As we prepare for final exams and a summer free of assignments, construction workers plan to add a new face to the LU campus. The West Residence (above) will be complete and ready to house third and fourth year students as of September, 2006. Other building projects on campus include the new Bachelor of Education building, the Recreation Centre, and an addition to the bowling alley.

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EDITOR'S CORNER**A final word...**

I know, I know. You are all shocked that I actually WROTE an editorial this week. It has been a while. The main reason has been all the new columns we've added, but another is that all the great issues other people were writing about were many of the issues that I myself would have written about. So rather than beat a dead horse, I decided to let others take the lead.

So now you are wondering why I chose to write one this week... and the answer is that Matt Desrosier, my assistant editor who will take over the role of editor-in-chief next year, told me I had to write one. His primary reason for pushing me into it was that this is officially my last issue as editor of Lambda. Also, it happens to be the last issue of the 2005-06 school year.

So this is kind of my farewell letter to you all. I've really enjoyed my time at Lambda, and I hope you have enjoyed reading it as much as I enjoyed putting it together for you. And while this year's edition may have had a distinct "hard news" feel



to it, that is mostly a reflection of me. In the future, Lambda will continue

to evolve, and usually that will be a reflection of the editor of the day, but I'm confident I'm leaving things in good hands with Matt. He's certainly better in touch with what more students want to read than I am, I'm certain, and I think that will be a big plus as things move forward.

Not to be too cliché, but I really want to thank all of you who actually read the paper. I can always tell when someone reads Lambda or they don't, based on the conversations I have with them. For those of you who do support us, it is appreciated. On some occasions, I have questioned whether anyone actually read this paper at all, but over the course of the year a few situations arose that clearly illustrated that at least some students read this paper, and those occasions were a big boost to me.

To my staff, I extend my best wishes in all that you endeavour to undertake. It has been a pleasure to work with you all, and your professionalism will be an asset to all of you in the future. Good work, gang.

I'd also like to thanks the mem-

bers of the faculty and administration who read Lambda faithfully. The feedback that I have received from many of you has been appreciated, and it was very exciting to know that you also felt the quality of the work produced by Lambda was worthy of your time and attention.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks and best wishes to all of my good friends who have supported me over the last two years... the SGA/AGE Executive and staff, the gang at LOCS, my fellow Communications students... all of you have helped to make this a very rewarding experience for me.

So without drawing this out too much longer, I wish to bid you all adieu. I leave this institution after what I consider to be two of the best years of my life, and I hope that you all will remember me as fondly as I remember you. Who knows where the road will take me? Not me, but I look forward to finding out. And hopefully I'll see you all again somewhere along that road.

- Neil Zacharjewicz

SGA/AGE needs your input

Well, another school year has raced by and as the temperature rises, so does our workload. I imagine that you all have more than enough to do, but I hope that you can spare a few minutes over the next week or so and help us gather some input that is needed for programs to be implemented next year.

The first, of course, is related to the bus pass referendum that recently passed. The vote was a close one, which tells us that a lot of you are unhappy about the idea, but it did pass which means we now must begin the process of hammering out how the system will work. I made a call for service improvements you would like to see about a month or so ago, and I need to do that again. The few responses I did get were requesting a direct bus to the Four Corners and improved late night service. If you agree with these improvements, let me know, and add the others that you would like to see as well. Now, because the referendum passed and we now have a direct say in the city's transportation service, coupled with the provincial government's budget announcement of money for public



transportation, I need your help in shaping what kind of service improvements we want the city to make. We won't be able to make all of the improvements we want this year, but we can outline our concerns and work diligently towards correct-

ing them.

The other thing we need input on is related to tuition increases. The government has removed the tuition freeze and has stipulated the universities can only raise tuition if they put the money into improving student services. Laurentian hasn't made a formal decision as to whether or not tuition will go up, or by how much, but it is pretty certain from our perspective that they will. Unlike a lot of other universities, Laurentian has proactively gone out and asked the student leaders to provide input into what service improvements students want, hence this call to you. I need to know where you think the spending by the University will be best utilized. This can be anything from more computers in the library or labs, scanners that students can use, more money for hiring peer tutors, more staff in areas that service students, or anything else that directly affects your daily life on campus. If you can't think of specific areas, try to remember what things you haven't liked about the university this year and pass on those complaints to me. Better shuttle service around cam-

pus? Better snow removal in winter? Anything and everything is fair game at this point so let me know what you want to see changed next year. I can only voice the concerns that I hear, so if you don't let me know what you want, I won't know what to change. I ask only for a few minutes of your time and one or two examples of what you'd like to see different if it was up to you.

Send me your ideas via email at sgapresident@laurentian.ca or by phone at 675-1151 ext. 1062.

On a separate note, I just wanted to say that it has been a great honour to represent you this year. The SGA/AGE office and Board have worked really hard to try and make a difference this year and I believe we have. Next year will see many changes, including new Deans, new residences, new construction, and a whole host of other changes. I believe that these changes will continue to improve Laurentian University and the lives that we have while we're here. Best of luck with your exams and final assignments, and I hope you all have a safe and fun summer. See you in the fall!

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CAMPUS NEWS

Sides remain at odds over research protocols

BY LAURA THERRIEN
& NEIL ZACHARJEWICZ
LAMBDA STAFF

It has been an on-going battle between the Animal Care Committee (ACC) and Dr. Michael Persinger and his students.

Dr. Persinger and his students' remains halted as they were denied access to the lab for the second time in the last few months. The laboratory was used by several graduate and undergraduate students working on projects to complete their studies.

The decision was made by the ACC after the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC), a national peer review organization, assigned Laurentian University a status of Non-Compliance for breaches of its guidelines and policies on January 13, 2006.

The decision to suspend Dr. Persinger's Research Protocols came from the findings by the University Veterinarian, Dr. Jouppe, who reported several breaches of Laurentian University rules and regulations, as well as potential breaches of the Animals for Research Act.

The research team is frustrated with the officials and feel that the nature of their work is being portrayed out of context.

"They [ACC] make it seem like we are participating in animal cruelty and that is not the issue at all," says Linda St-Pierre, a graduate student working with the behavioural neuroscience research team. "Dr. Persinger has a strong personal philosophy that if you bring an animal to life for the sake of experimentation then you must care for it until its natural death."

According to St-Pierre, one of the issues the ACC is using to support their decision to prevent access to research students is the fact that Dr. Persinger has removed a rat from the facility and treated over several weeks. His decision to do so was the result of a conflict of opinion on the care of the infected rat between Dr. Persinger and Dr. Jouppe. In his expert opinion, Dr. Persinger believed that the rat in question did not have to undergo leg amputation and could recover in time. Although, the removal of research subjects is a breach of policies, the rat's leg was spared and healed back to its natural state.

Some students think that there is a clash of opinions in what is best for the rats. University officials point out that Dr. Jouppe, is certified by the Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Medicine (CALAM), and is the only veterinarian with these credentials in Northern Ontario.

However, supporters of Dr. Persinger point out that he has been working with the lab animals for many years and has significantly contributed to the scientific community. His research has yielded over 60 technical publication in scientific journals. In order to help settle some of the issues, Dr. Persinger has requested another veterinarian, but his request has yet to be met.

Other issues brought forth by the ACC was the improper use and storage of drugs. Supporters of Dr. Persinger noted that the procedures, which have been in place for the last 10 years, have never been a problem in the past. Efforts have been made to achieve compliance, and the research team feel they have taken appropriate measures to rectify the problems from the last time they were denied admission to the lab.

The members of the research team suggest they are directing all of their efforts towards lifting the status of non-compliance, but feel they are facing a brick wall. Although the protocols were initially brought

under review by the ACC in June, they had to wait until September before getting their first response. It was at that time that they were told to make adjustments to their protocols and resubmit. The protocols had not been initially rejected.

Dr. Persinger and his research team have sent a number of emails to voice their concerns but suggest they have been getting no answers and have now consulted legal advice.

The graduate and undergraduate students affected by the lab closure have been offered some alternatives. Although much time and work has been invested, students can submit new protocols under the supervision of another research member or revise their thesis so that it does not require animal testing. As a last resort, they are offered a year refund on their tuition with the signing of a confidentiality agreement.

According to the university, due to the nature of the research conducted in the facility and the rules and regulations governing the conduct of this research, the Animal Care Facility is a controlled access facility.

"It is not open to the public and it is not open to members of the University community generally," the university stated in a release. "Only those who are named in approved Research Protocols or who are responsible for the management and operation of the facility are allowed access to the Animal Care Facility."

The release continued, "The ACC is required by the rules and regulations of Laurentian University to ensure that all Research Protocols are approved and that the Terms of Reference and approved Research Protocols are being followed by all Principal Investigators or Course

Directors and their research groups. Specifically, the Terms of Reference (Section 1b) require the Animal Care Committee is 'to maintain authority over the use of the facility to the University Veterinarian, the Research Activities Manager, Faculty and senior administration...'"

In the event that the ACC feels that research is being conducted which deviates from or fails to achieve the approved protocols, it is empowered to withdraw from a researcher the privilege of conducting research with animals at Laurentian University if the researcher demonstrates willful and repeated neglect of his responsibilities; and inform relevant officers of Laurentian University if the ACC withdraws from a researcher the privilege of conducting research with animals.

"On February 14, 2006, the ACC met to consider a series of recent developments involving research being conducted by or under the supervision of Dr. Persinger who is the Principal Investigator or Course Director for several Research Protocols that use the Animal Care Facility. The University Veterinarian reported several breaches of Laurentian University rules and regulations and identified potential breaches of the Animals for Research Act," the university stated. "These findings, when combined with the decision of the CCAC to assign Laurentian University the status of Non-Compliance based upon issues relating to Dr. Persinger's research team, resulted in the ACC's decision to suspend Dr. Persinger's Research Protocols pursuant to Paragraph 2(b)(1) of the Terms of Reference subject to an appeal process should

Dr. Persinger chose to appeal the ACC's decision."

On February 21st, Dr. Persinger was informed of the ACC's decision in writing.

According to the university, Dr. Persinger has the right to appeal the ACC's decision to a committee with appropriate expertise that will ensure an appropriately separate, fair and impartial process that is overseen by the office of the Associate Vice-President Research. The university has stated that this appeals committee will be comprised of independent third parties, and that the appeal may include a scientific investigation of the research. Dr. Persinger may also have the right to invoke the grievance process provided under his Collective Agreement.

The university has also stated that, with regard to undergraduate and graduate students who are part of Dr. Persinger's research team and who may have been conducting course specific or thesis specific research with Dr. Persinger at the Animal Care Facility, the University will be inviting each of these students to a meeting to discuss their academic options and any academic appeals process that may be open to them. Each of these students may have several administrative options open to them at this time.

"The University believes that it has acted in a manner that is consis-

tent with its own rules and regulations, the guidelines and policies of the CCAC and applicable provincial legislation. The University also believes that it has acted in the best interests of Laurentian University's students, staff and faculty at large and in the best interests of the Sudbury community which had an interest in ensuring that research continues to thrive on our campus in a manner that the community can be proud of," the university stated in the release. "The University has been informed that Dr. Persinger has alleged that the decision by the ACC has caused him and his research team personal financial losses. The University denies that either Dr. Persinger or members of his research team have suffered the losses alleged. Furthermore, the University denies that any of its faculty, staff or agents have, at any time, invaded the privacy or harassed either Dr. Persinger or any member of his research team."

Michel Bechard, Director of Public Affairs for Laurentian University, indicated it is also important to realize that the lab has not been closed this year.

"It never was shut down," he stated. Bechard pointed out that researchers with approved protocols have continued their research this year.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Students voice opinions and concerns at open mic session

BY MATTHEW
DESROSIERS
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Recently, Laurentian University (LU) students gathered in the students centre to meet with LU President Dr. Judith Woodsworth and other members of administration to address the concerns they had about the University. One by one students approached the microphone to pose questions to the administration, and to make comments about the past year.

As was to be expected, one of the biggest issues students had was with Aramark and the food services on campus. Vegetarians came forward to comment about the menu items. Despite offering vegetarian options, students are concerned that Aramark does not take their needs seriously. With an inconsistent supply of the vegetarian options, and a tendency to overlook things such as soup stock (whether the stock is also vegetarian, or if it contains beef etc), vegetarians find it hard to rely upon Aramark to provide them with proper vegetarian meals. Luke Norton, President of the SGA/AGE called upon Aramark to "help students create a healthy lifestyle". Other concerns regarding food services had to do with pricing, and the availability of healthy food to students living in residence (who are on the meal plan). Residence students on the meal plan are forced to eat at the Hitching Post (aka The Greasy) after the great hall closes. While 'the greasy' is very similar to 'the Grill' in the great hall, it does not provide a wide range of healthy or vegetarian options. In response to these concerns, students were asked to approach the Food Services Committee (which can be reached through the SGA).

Another issue that was raised was with regards to parking on campus. Students who have parking passes have found that they cannot find parking in their designated areas. The head of campus security addressed this, saying that if you have a parking pass, you are guaranteed parking. If someone is in your space, contact security, and they will find you a place to park. Students were also concerned about the parking around the Ben Avery building. There is not enough parking for students who go to the Ben Avery on a casual basis. Those students who want to go for a swim, or work out in the weights room, have to park halfway across campus. Although temperatures are starting to rise again, during the winter, this is an extreme inconvenience. The suggestion was made to expand parking around the Ben Avery building, and also to give access to the parking lot to anyone who has a parking pass. This would mean that if you purchased a parking pass for 'the Pit' (Lot 15), you would also have access to the Ben Avery parking lot. While not completely refusing this idea, the head of campus security made it very clear that incorporating universal passes is difficult while still trying to maintain controlled parking at the Ben Avery building.

The next major issue that was raised was with regards to Professors. The main concern students had was with their Professors simply reading out of a textbook, and not really teaching anything. It was suggested that the problem was with professors being forced to teach outside of their realm of expertise. If a professor is an expert in biology and is asked to teach something outside of biology, they cannot be expected to teach at the same level as someone who is specialized in that field. Despite hav-

ing enough general knowledge in the subject in the eyes of administration to allow them to teach that course, Laurentian University students have at times come to wonder if maybe they would be better off learning elsewhere. The major question then was what can be done to ensure that our professors teach what they know, and not just read out of textbooks. The answer from administration was simple. Student evaluations help give departments feedback on the professors. Those departments in turn assign professors to different courses. Therefore, student feedback is the best and only way to ensure that students receive the best that each course and professor has to offer. To this end, a suggestion was made to create a small booklet (made by students) that includes the entire LU faculty, and the defining characteristics of each one. This has been done in other schools, and helps students who are unsure what to expect from their professors to be more aware of what will be

required to succeed in his/her course. This does not negate the problem of professors teaching outside of their field, however, it does allow for students to be more aware of what to expect.

The session also included discussion on the topics of wheelchair accessibility, theft, the bookstore, the library, and also the current lockout in place on the Neuroscience labs. Many topics were covered through the afternoon. Some met with vigorous discussion, while others came and went quietly. All of the topics, however, were heard by Dr. Woodsworth and her administration, and they promised to consider all of them when it comes time to make decisions.

If you have any questions or concerns and you do not know who to address them to, contact the SGA/AGE offices, and they should be able to point you in the right direction.



Matthew Desrosiers/Lambda

Dr. Judith Woodsworth fields questions from students regarding concerns about the past year, and changes to come in the future at the Open Mic session which took place on March 2nd.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Formal wraps up good year for Forensics students

BY MELANIE BOSNJAK
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The Laurentian Association of Forensic Scientists (LAFS) had its best year yet as we made improvements and took a new approach to our events.

It all started off with our annual "Meet & Greet" in September, but this year we tried something totally different: we provided our paid-members with free admission to Mr. & Mrs. Smith at the Rainbow Cinemas, and the good times just kept on coming!

As we are affiliated with the Department of Forensic Science, we host informative and interesting guest lecturers (many of whom are part of the program's curriculum). The LAFS presentations are generally the only opportunity for people who are not enrolled in Forensic Science to get a taste of the program through these lectures. This year it was our pleasure to host both Dr. George Carmody, a forensic



The 2005-2006 LAFS council class representatives. (Back row, L-R: Guy Brewer, Nathalie Desrosiers, Sonia Saint, Andree Beauchamp, and Lindsey Forrest. Front row, L-R: Mathieu Ranger, Melanie Bosnjak, and Trevor VandenBoer).

geneticist from Carleton University and Dr. James Watterson, a forensic toxicologist, who came from the Centre of Forensic Sciences in Toronto

to join our Department faculty as a full-time professor in January of 2006.

Last year it was decided by the preceding LAFS Executive

Council that in the 2005-2006 Academic term, LAFS would offer a bursary to two of its members. The winners were determined via a draw of all paid members. Our lucky members this year are Joshua Dias and Genevieve Ferguson.

In order to have fun while raising funds for our Departmental Formal Dinner and Dance which took place on March 24, 2006, LAFS ran a Murder Mystery.

The LU community was given the chance to test their CSI and Clue© skills by partaking in the SGA-sponsored LAFS Murder Mystery that was set up in the middle of the Bowling Alley from March 13-17. It was comprised of written clues and "gory" photographs which provided all necessary information to be able to solve the whodunit, which was set in the ladies' washroom at the Fraser Auditorium lobby.

For only \$2 per solution attempt, the LU detectives were eligible to win an iPod nano, or one of the many secondary

prizes. Winners were chosen by a random draw of correct entries. Anyone who was able to determine both the perpetrator and the weapon was given a bonus entry for the draw.

Now, for those of you who are still scratching your head over our little game, the solution is Dr. Rosanna Langer (she had 9" shoes, prescription lenses, and a double-X chromosome) with an icicle (the stab wound, arterial gushing, the date, and water in the wound).

Finally, we'd like to thank everyone who participated in our events this year, either with the execution, or by attending and enjoying the event! We invite you to join us again next year, and feel free to bring your friends along. We always welcome new members. You'll find us in the Bowling Alley on Club Days in September.

For more information or to pass along your ideas for next year's events, please email us at forensic_club@laurentian.ca

Focus groups assess bookstore, suggest improvements

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BOOKSTORE

In a continuing effort to meet the needs of the community and improve on service provided, the Bookstore management held two focus groups on campus, March 9th 2006.

A session was held in each official language. The session was open to whoever wanted to attend, and members of the student body, faculty and administrative support staff attended.

Frank and useful discussion about user issues with the Bookstore was encouraged, and many useful suggestions and issues were raised.

In particular, concerns were raised about the Bookstore location, organization, ambience, and the perception that it should serve in part as a focal point for the intellectual life of the University. There were requests that more visible support be made for University-based authors, and the authors of the north-eastern region. Appreciation was expressed for the organizing of textbooks by course number.

The University and Follett are pleased to announce that Follett will be funding a renovation of the bookstore area, which will comprise seating areas, a studios and welcoming ambience, and which will feature local authors and cultural contributors.

Plans for this renovation are posted in the Bookstore, and the members of the community are invited to view these.

Members of the Bookstore staff were encouraged by the appreciation shown by focus group participants for their ability to deliver quality service in both languages. However, some specific service issues were raised, and these will be addressed by a meeting of the staff in the week of March 23rd.

Some useful suggestions about handling peak pressure times were raised, and Bookstore staff will take note of where their

handling of issues at peak time caused frustration and concern to Bookstore patrons. Proposals were made to have extended hours, differential distribution of books by subject area, and there was appreciation for the provision of certain "non-bookstore" type services like bus-passes and postage. There was some discussion about the kind of non-text book supplies that should be stocked.

More publicity about online ordering options was suggested. Concerns about the user-friendliness of the online ordering process were raised. Better response to online ordering questions was requested. Some way of notifying students whether books are available in an online medium was proposed, to save students a wasted trip to the store.

It is hoped that the implementation of the new bookstore system will permit this service.

Interest was expressed in a paid on-campus delivery service.

Other areas of discussion included the book buyback service, and the book return process. Concern was expressed by students who deferred purchases because of financial need, who when they were able to purchase the books during the semester, found that the books for their course had been returned because they were not sold. The Bookstore will advertise this service to both students and faculty, and will delay the return of books to the publisher to accommodate this need.

The Bookstore management and staff will now assess how best to make use of these sugges-

tions. In addition, the Bookstore staff was encouraged by the understanding that the community showed about the need to respect the deadlines set by publishers, which in turn generates deadlines for book order place-

ment for faculty members.

We encourage the University community to continue to forward suggestions and concerns.

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LAMBDA SPECIAL

The Battle of the Arches

BY ROBIN CROWDER

A&E EDITOR

It is Sudbury's longest on going confrontation...

Often over looked by locals, newcomers to the city driving down either Regent St or the Kingsway are always quick to notice something slightly different from their own town: a large, solo, yellow arch standing cockily and self-assured, shooting dirty looks directly across the street to where the universal double-arched fast food icon stares it down with an evil eye. Staring contests have been had and more dirty looks have been traded through the large windows of the fast food joints as patrons silently mock each other for choosing the lesser arch. Burger to burger, french fry to french fry, Sudbury's own Deluxe Hamburgers is in direct competition with big name corporation McDonald's at both of it's locations - as in the two are literally right across the street from one another.

Well you can't blame the small fry - Deluxe Hamburgers were here long before McDonald's moved in. Interesting, that the two Sudbury



restaurants the large corporation decided to establish (the one in Walmart doesn't count), just happened to find a "prime location" within food fighting distance of a local establishment with a logo similar to their own. No really, the plan to do away with Deluxe never once crossed McDonald's

mind...However, close to 40 years later, Deluxe Hamburgers is still going strong and claims that "Sudbury is a One-Arch town!"

After four years in the city, I began to wonder about this statement - was there any truth to it? As the question began to burn a hole in my brain, dis-

tracting me from important papers and studying, I knew that I could not leave Sudbury without at least attempting to answer what man has always wondered...one arch or two?

Unfortunately, as a vegetarian, this was one Deluxe McExperiment I could not really take part in. I enlisted the help of two highly credible and discerning foodies: Terri "Iron Stomach" Walton and Mandy "The Burgernator" MacLeod. Armed with five scientific criteria, two hungry stomachs and one bottle of Pepto-Bismal, we were ready to begin the ultimate showdown.

To keep the experiment as scientific and official as possible, Terri and Mandy were to order the same meal at each of the two restaurants and compare them on specific qualities: price, appearance/size, taste, texture and after thoughts. Comments and opinions were decided in lieu of a numeric rating system. While service, cleanliness and speed are also key elements to the fast food experience, we decided to forgo them and focus on the beef.

And so here are - in an exclusive Lambda exposé - the results of the Battle of the Arches.

The Official Report:

DELUXE BURGER



The Deluxe Meal

What We Ordered:
Cheeseburger Meal

What We Got: cheeseburger, fries, drink, coleslaw and Deluxe Burger special sauce.
Price: \$5, 25 + tax

Appearance/Size
- nothing was wrapped so you see exactly what you're

getting and gave it an appetizing appearance

- burger was about 1.5 inches high and 4 inches across: mostly due to the oversize Kaiser bun
- the actual patty was fairly small, it didn't fill the whole bun and was a kind of thin
- the fries were shoestring cut and even looked crispy
- liked how they were served in a 50s drive-in style box

Taste:

- the actual burger was kind of bland, there was nothing overly spectacular about it
- served with "the works": ketchup, mustard, onions and pickles - two thumbs up for the quality and quantity of the pickles and onions
- bun was good but it was too large and sort of overpowered the beef
- fries didn't taste greasy and were still good when they got cold
- the special sauce was interesting, kind of a cross between bbq sauce and gravy with a smoky flavour: we kept eating it just to figure out what that taste was!
- the coleslaw had a fairly strong vinaigrette

Texture:

- the beef patty was just like a normal burger, not too crispy, not too chewy
- the bun was soft and could have used some toasting
- the fries had just the right crunch and were made fresh for us

After Thoughts:

- fries were too short to eat easily with fingers and would have been improved with Heinz ketchup instead of random no name packages
- the coleslaw was refreshing and did well to cleanse the palate
- the option to have bottled pop (Pepsi products) made it easier to take away an unfinished drink
- did not feel weighed down by grease

McDONALD'S



The McDonald's Meal

What We Ordered:
Double Cheeseburger Meal (no regular cheeseburger meal option)

What We Got: double patty cheeseburger, fries and drink
Price: \$5.97 after tax

Appearance/Size
- everything is wrapped up and tossed on

- the tray: reinforced the feeling of eating fast food in a rush
- burger was small all around: thin patties (we see why they double up) and a bun that fit them exactly
- actual burger dimensions were about 1 inch high by about 3.5 inches across
- fries were shoestring cut and fairly plentiful, but were visibly greasy and salted
- drink (Coke product) was very large

Taste:

- came with ketchup, mustard, onions and a pickle: had there not been two patties, the burger would have been overpowered with the taste of ketchup and grease
- the solo, untastable pickle was a disappointment
- fries also tasted greasy and were very salty, but paired well with Heinz ketchup: they were unpalatable once they got cold
- the drink, Sprite, was sweeter than the bottled pop but surprisingly refreshing

Texture:

- the patties had a bizarre texture: very much like a regular burger only chewier and crumbled quickly in mouth, displaying the quality of processed meat
- the bun was toasted yet still somewhat soggy and squished down easily
- the fries were also crispy but in a different way from Deluxe Burgers'
- fries became hard as they cooled down quickly and were not very fresh
- everything left a greasy feel on the fingers

After Thoughts:

- would have been nice to have some coleslaw to wash away the greasy feeling
- the fries were a good length for quality ketchup dipping
- the fountain pop was good but there was just as much ice as beverage
- felt heavy from the grease, but not to the point of needing to break out the Pepto-Bismal

THE VERDICT



Our two taste testers affirm their final decision.

The two yellow arched fast food restaurants seem to be after different things: McDonald's focuses more on the point of sale by providing customers with lots of choice and esthetically pleasing menu boards for ease of ordering. Deluxe Hamburgers has held to the old notion of quality vs. quantity, and focuses on the presentation of the product rather than the presentation of the sale.

Terri "Iron Stomach" Walton classified McDonald's as "just another burger," and Mandy "The Burgernator" MacLeod says Deluxe Burger gave her "the kind of homey burger I would cook for myself." Both agreed that, while McDonald's had more options, Deluxe had more (and better) taste - all around.

And there you have it folks: Sudbury really is a One-Arch Town.

COLUMNS

Today's Student

Stressful exams? Not if you follow these tips!

Charge!!!!...here they come! It's exam time so let's brace ourselves, hold our heads high and come out winners. Almost everyone feels nervous before an exam...butterflies in the stomach and worrying thoughts are fairly common. For most people, some degree of anxiety is necessary and helpful. It can enhance concentration on difficult tasks for two or three hours at a time. On the other hand, those who do poorly on an exam may raise an eyebrow wondering whether anxiety had a negative influence on their performance.

Studies have shown that significant levels of anxiety can result in reduced performance of various skills. Why is that? When you get worried or scared, your brain sends a SWAT team of adrenaline, and other chemicals around the body, getting ready to "fight; flee or play dead" in response to an imagined threat. Unfortunately your brain doesn't distinguish the difference between a statistics exam and a charging moose! The key here is to send the SWAT team back to headquarters and get them to stay put until they are really

needed. Here are some tips on how: Think positively because fearful thoughts set up fearful physical responses. Breathe...because no SWAT team is required (honest). If you draw a blank, don't panic. Just try to calm yourself. Keep things in perspective and put your best foot forward by preparing well in advance for the exam.

Anxiety is unique to each of us. Common emotional symptoms include feelings of fear, disappointment, anger, depression and helplessness. Some behavioural symptoms are pacing and fidgeting and self-destructive behaviours such as substance abuse. Physiological symptoms include fast heartbeat, feelings of nausea, headaches, lightheadedness, sweating and other disruptions in bodily functions. There can also be cognitive symptoms like loss of memory, "blanking" out, racing thoughts and negative self thinking.

How about if we respond to the stress of exams instead of reacting to them? Besides knowing our stuff, there are some practical and easy strategies we can use to cope with exam anxiety. These include avoid-

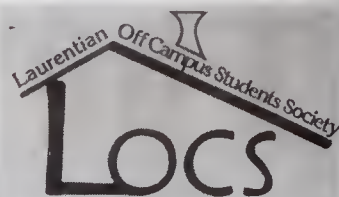
ing caffeine, arriving early to the exam, avoiding people who talk negatively, meeting with the professor to discuss class material, reading the directions on the exam carefully and getting a "good night's sleep. Holistically, we can keep managing daily stress through exercise, good nutrition, social support and leisure time.

When addressing exam anxiety, it's important to stop a negative spiral from taking place. This can happen when one sign of anxiety (such as trembling hands or negative thoughts about failing) leads to chain reactions of negative images and thoughts each feeding on each other. This out-of-control spiral can lead to an increase in one's anxiety level to the degree that one cannot perform successfully. At this point, keep that SWAT team back at headquarters because there are strategies that can be used to interrupt this cycle. Say STOP and imagine a stop sign...breathe deeply from the abdomen not the chest, relax tense muscles, repeat reassuring, positive statements to yourself, take a short break from the exam situation (have

a candy), and visualize your self doing well. Try wearing an elastic band on one wrist and lightly twang it when you feel anxiety coming on...it's an awesome anti-anxiety technique! Lastly, why not wear or carry something with positive associations with another person or place? Touching this "bridging" object can be comforting and calming as you think about the person or situation that makes you feel good. Exam anxiety has been linked with lack of confidence or low self esteem resulting from family or teachers in the past. Speaking to a counsellor about your anxiety may be effective.

University students are the troopers and the final exams are the challenges. It's almost over...you're almost there. Take pride in your victory!

Candace Lahti is a Fourth Year Social Work Student who is doing her placement at Student Services. You can connect with Student Services by dropping in to room L-210 at the R. D. Parker Building. We're easy to find - SS is located in the hallway beside the bookstore, just past the Women's Centre.



For the last time this year, I am here to say hello and wish you well. It has been a great year. LOCS would like to thank all of you that have come out to support our events. I would also like to acknowledge our hard working volunteers who have done so much work this year to keep this organization going. If you see Jenna Baynham, Scott Boucher, Mel Dionne, Jenn Fry, Amanda Harrison, Andrew Langlands, Sarah Patterson, and Neil Zacharjewicz thanks them for all that they have done this year. Without this core group of people LOCS would not have thrived this year. Also, thank you to

Theresa Burden for all of her assistance to us over the last year. Thank you to the SGA and to you, our members.

Another point that must be covered is the council of next year. Thus far, we have gained some people for next year but we do still have a few positions available. If you have been considering some volunteer work here is your chance. Come into our office located at the back of the SGA office for more information.

Well there you have it. Good luck to all of you in the summer and in your endeavors to come.

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CAMPUS NEWS

And Lambda's editor for 2006-07 is...

So I'm sitting here on a Tuesday night (soon to be morning) working on the last issue of Lambda in this academic year when, as always happens without fail, something goes terribly wrong! It turns out that we have overestimated the amount of content, and have run out of articles to fill the space. "Oh no, whatever shall we do," screams my boss.

"Well," says I, "there is one thing that can be done!" And I rush to my desk to start writing this piece. What is the point, you ask? Simple. As of April 30th, 2006, I will be taking over Lambda as Editor-in-chief. Scary thought isn't it? While we have heard from the current editor already as he says his farewells, it was decided that for the first time, I should officially introduce myself to all the Lambda readers out there.

I am a communications studies major, entering the 3rd year of my program (assuming I pass exams...*knock on wood*). After a grueling hiring process wherein I struggled against the urge to choke someone, I took over the position of Assistant Editor here at Lambda in early January. My time was split between life in residence, schoolwork (yeah right!) and time in the office learning how to run a successful student paper. There is a lot more to running a paper than you might think, and whether or not I've learned all I need is still to be determined. But allow me to share with you my vision for this paper in the



Matthew Desrosiers

year to come...

My predecessor has done a remarkable job this year at providing students with a means to keep in touch with both campus and academic life. He has formed a bi-weekly paper which, unlike years past, has the reputation for accurate and interesting content. Lambda has served the various extra-curricular, athletic and academic interests of Laurentian University honourably, and it is my deepest desire to continue this legacy next year. One regret that I do have with regards to the paper this year is that there were not many contributions from the student body regarding our "Space for Rant" section. Next year I will endeavor to include as much from the students as I can, but to do this, I first require your submissions. You need never be afraid to walk through my door

or e-mail me with article ideas, submissions, or requests. This paper is for you, first and foremost, and it is with you in mind that I make this plea. Make this student paper truly for the students, and not just my limited view on what you want to see.

On another note, yet following the same trend, you may have noticed a rather large job posting add for positions at Lambda in this weeks issue. In September, I will be accepting applications for these positions. Do not worry about lack of experience, for you are reading the words of a man who, before January of this year, had never published an article in his life. If you have passion for this school, then Lambda wants you.

To end this space-filler, I would like to write a few words about my editor. Neil Zacharjewicz took the time these last four months to teach me, despite my foolish antics, late night breakdowns, hissy fits, tantrums, and meltdowns. Not only did he provide me with a great opportunity, but he also has helped to push me along my career path by educating me in ways not limited to how to edit a paper. While this may seem a bit cliché or sentimental, I would very much like to wish Neil a fond farewell. Your paper is in good hands.

And to the rest of you, my fellow LU students, may your summer be restful, and next year be a blast!

Ontario government invests \$10 million in new mining centre

On March 23rd, the Ontario government announced a \$10 million investment in Laurentian University's Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation. This announcement was made as part of the government's presentation of the new budget, at Queen's Park.

"We are very grateful to the Ontario government for this significant investment and endorsement of our role as an internationally recognized leader in mining and exploration research," said Dr. Judith Woodsworth, President of Laurentian University. "In 2004, we adopted a mining vision to become a national centre for excellence in mining innovation. The provincial government, thanks in large part to the tireless efforts of our MPP and Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Honourable Rick Bartolucci, has continuously supported this initiative."

Establishing a Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation in Sudbury will have substantial, and long-lasting, positive economic impacts on Sudbury and the rest of Northern Ontario, as well as the entire province and the country. Laurentian University is already an acknowledged leader in mining education and research across Canada. The University is currently home to nine mining research centres, seven mining-related graduate programs at the master's and PhD levels, as well as seven Canada Research Chairs, three of which have links to mining and exploration research.

"To achieve our goals, we need to leverage our current strengths and assets, which are considerable," explained Dr. John Gammon, Director, Mining Initiatives at Laurentian University. "There has already been very strong interest in and support for CEMI from all levels of government and industry. This commitment from our provincial government ensures that the CEMI vision of collaborative research and productive networking will become a reality."

The inaugural meeting of CEMI's advisory board, composed of key government and industry representatives, will be held April 12, at Laurentian University.

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SPORTS

College b-ball star comits to play for Laurentian Voyageurs

BY GREG HODDINOTT
LAMBDA CONTRIBUTOR

Laurentian Voyageur Athletics and men's basketball head coach Virgil Hill are proud to announce that Craig Bauslaugh has committed to Laurentian University for the 2006-07 season.

The native of Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario grew up with his mother, Synthia and brother, Chris, both who were athletes, Synthia participating in almost every track and field event when she was a student and Chris playing basketball, now in his second year playing for Niagara College.

Craig credits his family for driving him for excellence in sport. "My mom always told me don't compare yourself to others just push yourself to the limit and you'll succeed."

This advice clearly worked as in high school Bauslaugh was part of three city and CWOSSA championships as well as three appearances to 'AAAA' OFSAA with the Kitchener Collegiate Institute Raiders. During this time he was also named a first team all-star three times, while landing a second team nod in grade 10 and taking home high school MVP honours in his graduating season.

Bauslaugh also played for Niagara College where he continued to impress. In his one season with the Knights, he was second in team scoring averaging 17.4 points per game and was a 1st team OCAA Western Region All-star, Niagara College Men's Basketball MVP as well as Male Athlete of the year. Craig was also named OCAA all-star

game player of the game by leading the west region scoring on the night with 25 points. The 6'0 point guard is also credited with being a major contributor to the team's number one OCAA ranking and fifth ranking nationally.

"Craig has tremendous talent and will have an immediate impact" said head coach Virgil Hill. "He can create his own shot as well as easy shots for others. He is a good defender which is sometimes rare for a player as gifted offensively as he is. Craig will certainly challenge the top guards in the OUA and the CIS".

Starting in September Bauslaugh hopes to be enrolled in the English Rhetoric and Media Studies program at Laurentian and is looking forward to helping the Voyageurs take the next step towards a national title. He credits Coach Hill and the team for making his decision to attend Laurentian an easy one.

"Coach seems very passionate about winning and I like how we have that in common" said Bauslaugh. "Also, when I was visiting Laurentian the team made me feel like I was at home even though it was just a recruiting trip."

Craig Bauslaugh will bring a lot of ball handling and an impressive scoring touch to the Voyageurs team next season. He will look to use his ability to score to create shots for the great shooters that currently on the team.

"I can tell we are going to win" said Bauslaugh. "I think I can come in and help achieve that goal with the amount of skill that already exists on the team!"

Life and Times of Lady Vees Swim Sensation Stephanie Kuhn

BY DAVID VLADARS
LAMBDA CONTRIBUTOR

As the 2005-06 athletic season comes to a close it is important to look back on the exceptional athletes that left their mark on the OUA and CIS scene this past year. One of these athletes is Stephanie Kuhn, a member of the Laurentian Lady Vees swim team.

Kuhn was in her third year of eligibility this past season and faced the daunting task of living up to her lofty standards she had set in her first two years at Laurentian. These past feats included medalling at the OUA Championships in 2004, 7th place at the CIS championships in 2004 and 2004 co-female athlete of the year. Yet before we chronicle her achievements in the pool this past season lets take a look back at how Kuhn established herself as an elite provincial and national swimmer.

"I started swimming when I was 4 years old but I didn't start swimming competitively until I was 7 years old (in 1992)," said Kuhn. Growing up in Timmins she represented the Timmins Marlins Swim Club, which helped her develop her skills at an early age. She credits her coaches for much of her early development, "I've always looked up to all of the coaches that I had and they were always great inspirations to me."

Kuhn started to make a splash on both the provincial and national level well before her Laurentian

days. Representing the North East Region she won 3 gold and 2 silver medals at the 2000 Ontario Summer Games. She followed this up with a bronze medal at the 2001 youth nationals in Winnipeg and a silver medal at the 2002 senior nationals in Victoria. Other career achievements include competing in a World Cup event in Edmonton and an international competition in California.

Upon enrolling in the Education Physique (EDPH) program at Laurentian in the fall of 2003 Kuhn looked to translate these successes into a successful Laurentian career. After incredible seasons in her first two years Kuhn looked to build on these accomplishments.

"In 2005-06 my goals were to medal at the OUA Championships and qualify for the finals at the CIS Championships," says Kuhn. With these goals in mind she wasted no time in meeting the CIS standard time in the first meet of the season (thus qualifying for the CIS Championships). After helping the Aqua Vees to a very competitive season, including a 3rd place team finish at the Campbell Divisional Championships, the OUA Championships brought forth Kuhn's first real challenge of the year.

Although before she could swim a race at the championship (held in Sudbury) Steph fell down a flight of stairs the week before they were to begin. This was the

low point of the season for her as she was unable to compete in the OUA Championships. "It was worse because the championships were held here in Sudbury so that was very hard."

Kuhn battled back though and because of times she had recorded earlier in the year, made her way to Ste. Foy, Que. for the CIS Championships. In Quebec she was able to make it to two B-Finals placing 13th overall in the 100 Metre Butterfly and 14th place in the 100 Metre Freestyle. Her efforts helped lead the Aqua Vees to a 19th place finish at the CIS Championships.

"Considering everything that happened at the end of this season, I am pleased with how I swam at the CIS championships. Overall, I had a decent season," says Kuhn. She plans to complete her degree in 5 years, leaving two more years of eligibility left and plans to "go out with a bang".

As for her plans post-graduation, Kuhn is not sure 100% what she would like to do but has acknowledged that coaching or teaching could be in the mix. One thing for certain is that she will be involved in swimming one way or another for the rest of her life. With the contributions she has made to the sport of swimming thus far in her life it is a safe assumption her relationship with swimming will continue to prosper long past her time at Laurentian.



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Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Winners of the Bookstore gift certificates will be notified in late April 2006.



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CAMPUS NEWS

Students develop website for more affordable books

BY MATTHEW DESROSIERS

ASSISTANT EDITOR

The year is all but over, and it's time to pack away those expensive textbooks that you barely used all year long...or is it?

Chad Pharand and Josee Ethier have created a website that gives you an alternative.

"We noticed how many students send out e-mails or who put up posters on the bulletin boards to sell their books. We thought it would be a great idea to have one centralized place to sell or browse for books," said Ethier.

The two College Boreal students had been working on the site since November for their ASP Web class, and launched the site on March 6th, 2005. They sent out e-mails and put up posters advertising their service all over the College Boreal, Cambrian and Laurentian University campuses.

"We know we can save students a lot of money, so we're hoping that every student in need of a book at least takes a look at our selection," said Ethier.

The website currently has over 200 books for sale, and over 80 registered members. Using the site is completely free of charge, all you need to do is sign up. Once registered, you are able to post books for sale, and also browse and arrange to purchase books from fellow students.

The search function on the site allows you to search the entire selection quickly, and you can also submit a request for a specific book, in hopes that someone has what you are looking for. All of the books are organized by program, and each one also has listed the condition and price of the book.

Sudburybooks.com provides a place for students to help them find their books at lower prices, as well as selling their old books at fair prices as well.

With the support from the student bodies at Laurentian, College Boreal and Cambrian College, this site has the potential to save students a lot of money.

"Right now the service is local and focused primarily in Sudbury. We hope that the site grows in popularity and eventually reaches students outside of Sudbury," Ethier said.

As with laurentiandating.com (see 'Looking for Love at LU', Lambda Vol.44, No.10, Thursday, Feb 2, 2006), websites created by students for students seem to be the sites that are more focused and serve the student community best. The laurentiandating.com site actually started at Trent University,

and found its way to Laurentian. Student participation and word of mouth made that site a success, and the same can be hoped for for Sudburybooks.com.

"We've had a very positive reaction from everyone who visited our site," said Ethier. "We hope that all the colleges and universities in Sudbury support the service and help promote it."

For more information, contact Josee Ethier or Chad Pharand at info@sudburybooks.com, or visit their website at www.sudburybooks.com.

LU's Intramural Corner

Intramural Volleyball

BY TREVOR & ANNIKA

INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE CONVENORS

The Intramural Volleyball Event was held from January 31st to March 14th, 2006.

This year's event ran very smoothly and the participation was outstanding. In the recreational league the top three teams were: 1) Huntington #1 2) Team Default 3) Green Machine. In the semi-competitive league the top three teams were: 1) Leah's Team 2) The Incredibles 3) Tara's Team. Finally, in the competitive division the top three teams were: 1) U of S Smashers 2) UC 3) Question Marks.

We would like to congratulate the winners of the theme nights. The winners of our hawaii theme night were Leah's Team and the Fighters. The winners of the 80's theme night were UC and the Fighters. The winner of the blue and gold theme was awarded to the Freeze.

We would like to thank our sponsors: First Choice Haircutters, Super C, Dooleys, and the S.G.A office. With their help we were

able to award teams prizes and boost the participation. We would also like to thank the Department of Active Living, the referees and scorekeepers and all of the participants for making this Intramural Volleyball Event such a success.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year! Good luck on exams!

Another Successful Intramural Season

BY MELISSA WALKEN

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The 2005-2006 Intramural Season has come to an end. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those involved including the participants, convenors, officials and sports representatives: Without your support and dedication we would not have been successful. Look for registration dates for the 2006-2007 Intramural Season.

We are adding Super Splash and a Massage Clinic to next year events. The Department of Active Living would like to wish you all good luck on your exams and have a safe and happy summer. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

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SPORTS

Laurentian honours its athletes

BY DEREK RENZINI
SPORTS EDITOR

The annual Laurentian University Athletics banquet took place this past Friday on campus at the Great Hall. With the 2005-2006 interuniversity varsity season all wrapped up, Laurentian University Athletics took this opportunity to pay tribute to and honour their athletes. Three major awards were given out; the Female and Male athlete of the year as well as the special Voyageur Award. Individual teams also recognized their rookies of the year, most improved athletes and most valuable players.

For the third year in a row, Cassandra Carpenter, from the Lady Vees basketball team was named the Female Athlete of the year. Carpenter had a spectacular 2005-2006 season; one which might never be matched. She led the Vees in scoring averaging 22.7 points per game to go along with 9.77 rebounds, 3.05 assists and 1.14 blocks. Carpenter was named an OUA East 1st Team All-Star, OUA Most Valuable Player, OUA East

Player of the year and was named a CIS 1st team All-Canadian for the second year in a row. Even more remarkable, the native of Kanata, Ontario, broke the OUA single seasoning scoring record, netting a total of 499 points on the season as well as the

OUA single game free throw attempts record with 28 and the CIS record for free throws made in a game with 21. In only her third year, she has also set her mark on Laurentian's record books as she is now the all time Lady Vees Basketball leading scorer with

1259 points.

The Male athlete of the year award went to the Aqua Vees star swimmer, Ryan Smith, who truly had an all round amazing season. He had strong finishes in every dual and tri meet he competed in and over the course of the year was named the Laurentian Athlete of the Week five times. Yet, Smith showcased his dominance when it mattered most; at the

OUA and CIS Swim Championships. He claimed two gold medals at the OUA Championships in the 200 and 400-metre individual medley events and had two respectable fourth place finishes in the 200-metre backstroke and butterfly. Smith was also the recipient of the Dr. Jenő Tihanyi Award for the 2005-2006 season.

Smith was L.U.'s sole male swimmer that attended the CIS championships and single handily carried Laurentian to a 15th place overall finish out of 23 teams. He was a one man army throughout the championships

and finished in 4th place in the 400-metre individual medley, 8th in the 200-metre individual medley, 11th in the 200-metre backstroke and 13th in the 200-metre butterfly. To cap off his great year, Ryan Smith was also named an OUA as well as a CIS All-Star for his performance throughout the 2005-2006 swim season.

The special Voyageur Award, which is given to an individual (athlete or non-athlete) who has been actively involved and made a contribution to Laurentian Athletics was awarded to Ralph McKinney. Ralph has been the Laurentian Voyageur Athletics head bus driver for the past 15 years and is definitely seen as a member of the Voyageur athletic family. His

friendly attitude is appreciated by athletes and coaches alike, and when he is not behind the wheel he can be found up in the stands rooting and providing support for L.U. athletes.

Graduating athletes and trainers were also recognized at the banquet. In total, 17 student-athletes and trainers will be moving on and graduating come June.

Other Award Recipients Rookies of the Year

Men's Basketball: Jesse Piercey
Women's Basketball: Darrah Bumstead
Men's Nordic Skiing: Victor Wiltmann
Women's Nordic Skiing: Julie Porter

Men's Golf: Ryan Whissell
Women's Cross Country Running: Lindsay McNicoll
Men's Soccer: Matt Carbone
Women's Soccer: Erica Duczeminski
Men's Swimming: Blair Smith
Women's Swimming: Kelly Cook

Most Improved Players

Men's Basketball: Brady Bolan
Women's Basketball: Lisa Roberts
Men's Nordic Skiing: Reed Morrison
Women's Nordic Skiing: Lilla Roy
Men's Golf: Jason Kauffeldt
Women's Cross Country Running: Caitlin Tino
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Most Valuable Players

Men's Basketball: Ben Palmer
Women's Basketball: Cassandra Carpenter
Men's Nordic Skiing: Victor Wiltmann
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